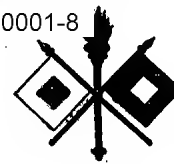


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1. UAR - SAUDI ARABIA:

A. AMBASSADOR BADEAU WAS GIVEN A SONG AND DANCE YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE BY NASIR'S ADVISERS TO THE EFFECT THAT CAIRO FIRST LEARNED OF THE SUNDAY BOMBING OF NEJLAN (IN SAUDI ARABIA NEAR THE YEMENI BORDER) FROM A SAUDI BROADCAST AND THAT, "IF" IT TOOK PLACE, IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT IN "CONFUSED AND HOT PURSUIT" BY "COMBAT INEXPERIENCE" PILOTS. 50X1

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NEJLAN IS ONE OF THE MAJOR

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SAUDI BASES FOR SUPPORT OF THE ROYALISTS. FURTHER ATTACKS WITHIN SAUDI ARABIA MAY BE COMING.

D. SAUDI RETALIATION SO FAR HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ROUNDING UP AND DEPORTING A NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS

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E. ON THE DIPLOMATIC SIDE, EACH PARTY CONTINUES TO INSIST

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THAT THE OTHER MAKE THE FIRST MOVE TO DISENGAGE, AND NEITHER
SHOWS ANY INTEREST IN DOING SO. [REDACTED]

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2. SINO-INDIAN BORDER:

A. THE CHINESE SAY THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WITH-
DRAWALS. HOWEVER, THEY LEAVE THEMSELVES SOME BARGAINING
ROOM BY SAYING THEY ARE LEAVING FORCES AT SEVERAL POINTS IN
NEFA AND IN LADAKH BELOW THE LINE SPECIFIED IN THEIR CEASE-
FIRE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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3. LAOS:

A. HANOI, AWARE THAT KONG LE HAS RECEIVED SOME US SUPPLIES,
MAY NOW BE MOVING TO STRING HIM ALONG WITH A TRICKLE OF SUP-
PLIES [REDACTED]

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B. [REDACTED]

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NORTH VIETNAMESE CONVOYS FOR HIM--ONE JUST ACROSS THE LAOTIAN
BORDER WITH CLOTHING AND BLANKETS, AND THE OTHER JUST INSIDE
WITH FOOD AND GASOLINE. WHETHER THE PATHET LAO PLAY BALL
AND LET HIM HAVE THE SUPPLIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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C. SOUPHANNOUVONG, [REDACTED] GOES ALONG WITH
SOVIET ADVICE THAT LAOS SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY POLITICAL
MEANS. [REDACTED] THE CHINESE,
MORE IMPATIENT, WOULD MOVE IN SHOULD THE LAOTIAN RIGHT-WING
RENEW HOSTILITIES.

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D. . THE CHINESE WILL SOON BE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION
TO DO SO. [REDACTED]
THE ROAD FROM YUNNAN (IN CHINA) TO PHONG SALY--UNDER CONSTRUC-
TION BY THE CHINESE FOR A YEAR AND A HALF---WILL BE OPEN THE
END OF THIS MONTH AND COMPLETED BY MAY. THE CHINESE HAVE
ALSO RECENTLY SHOWN INTEREST IN PUTTING IN A ROAD TO NAM THA,
AND MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN IMPROVING SOME TRAILS TO THIS END.

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4. CUBA:

A. THE PARADE YESTERDAY WENT OFF ABOUT AS EXPECTED, BUT
CASTRO DID NOT AFTER ALL ANNOUNCE ANY NEW MAJOR DECISIONS.
HE SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME WORKING OVER THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH
TO THE CUBAN BRIGADE.

B. WHILE SHOWING NO INTENT TO MODIFY TIES WITH THE BLOC
("THE SOCIALIST CAMP IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE OUR FAMILY"),
CASTRO DID LITTLE TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP. HE WORRIED
ABOUT THE "PUBLIC DISCREPANCIES" IN THE BLOC AND ARGUED THE
NEED FOR UNITY, BUT CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY SPECIFICS. IT IS
NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER THESE REMARKS REFLECT DISCOMFORT AT
HAVING TO TAKE SIDES OR CASTRO'S BELIEF THAT HIS PRESTIGE IS

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SUCH THAT HE CAN PRESENT CUBA AS THE EQUAL OF ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BLOC.

C. HE ALSO PROVIDED A CLEAR IMPLICATION--IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT ROCKET TRAINING IN THE CUBAN FORCES--THAT THE SAMs AND THE COAST DEFENSE CRUISE MISSILES WOULD REMAIN.

D. IN STRESSING CUBA'S ROLE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN "CAPTIVE PEOPLES," HE SINGLED OUT VENEZUELA AS ONE NATION WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO "AWAKE AND STRUGGLE." THIS ECHOES A LINE WE HAVE BEEN NOTICING IN HAVANA BROADCASTS RECENTLY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE "HEROIC VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION."

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5. CONGO:

A. CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE SITUATION ARE BY NO MEANS CLEAR IN THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US EARLY THIS MORNING.

THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SLIPPAGE, SHORT-CIRCUITING

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IN THE TRANSMITTAL OF REPORTS

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UPWARD AND DIRECTIVES DOWNWARD WITHIN THE UN CHAIN, FROM NEW YORK THROUGH LEOPOLDVILLE AND ELISABETHVILLE TO FORWARD COMMANDERS.

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B. YESTERDAY EVENING, THE UN COLUMN WAS APPARENTLY WITHIN FOUR MILES OF JADOTVILLE WHEN GEN. PREM CHAND (THE INDIAN COMMANDER IN KATANGA) RECEIVED ORDERS FROM U THANT TO HALT ALL FORWARD MOVEMENT. THIS ORDER IS MEETING WITH A MIXED RECEPTION BY THE UN MILITARY COMMAND, WHO APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN THE BIT IN THEIR TEETH, BUT APPARENTLY IS BEING OBEYED.

C. THE COLUMN HAD FORDED ONE RIVER (THE BRIDGES WERE BLOWN) AND WAS ADVANCING AGAINST TOKEN RESISTANCE.

D. JUST HOW MUCH FURTHER RESISTANCE IT MIGHT HAVE MET IS NOT CLEAR. [REDACTED] ALL

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RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN MERCENARIES HAD "BUGGED OUT."

[REDACTED] EUROPEAN MERCENARIES ARE NOW RELUCTANT TO FIGHT UN FORCES.

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E. US CONSUL DEAN IN ELISABETHVILLE HAD RECEIVED "CORROBORATED REPORTS" THAT THE MERCENARIES ARE DESERTING BUT THAT TSHOMBE WAS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM EXTREMISTS TO CARRY OUT HIS SCORCHED EARTH THREATS. DEAN THOUGHT LAST NIGHT THE COLUMN SHOULD CONTINUE, TO FORESTALL THIS. GULLION WAS OF THE SAME OPINION EARLIER YESTERDAY ON THE GROUNDS THAT HALTING IT WOULD GIVE THE KATANGANS TIME TO REGROUP.

F. THE KATANGAN AIR FORCE IS SOMETHING OF AN ENIGMA AND COULD STILL BE A NUISANCE. ONLY A FEW PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND UN RECONNAISSANCE HAS SO FAR FAILED TO LOCATE THE REMAINDER (IF IN FACT THERE IS ANY).

G. KATANGAN SABOTAGE HAS ALREADY LEFT ITS MARK ON THE

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ECONOMY. BLOWN BRIDGES WILL DISRUPT RAIL TRAFFIC FOR SOME TIME. POWER LINES HAVE BEEN CUT; IN KIPUSHI THIS THREATENS THE FUTURE OF THE COPPER MINES UNLESS POWER FOR PUMPS CAN BE RESTORED SOON.

H. UNION MINIERE IN BRUSSELS SAID YESTERDAY THAT A BOARD DIRECTOR WAS LEAVING LAST NIGHT FOR LEOPOLDVILLE TO DISCUSS THE PAYMENT PLAN, APPARENTLY WITHOUT WAITING FOR TSHOMBE'S APPROVAL.

I. TSHOMBE'S WHEREABOUTS WAS ALSO NOT CLEAR TO US THIS MORNING, WITH SEVERAL PLANS AFOOT TO RETURN HIM TO ELISABETHVILLE FROM JADOTVILLE

HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REPORTS THAT HE IS ACTUALLY EN ROUTE. IF THE UN CONTINUES TO STAY IN PLACE, HE MIGHT INDEED RETURN TODAY FOR TALKS. EXCEPT FOR UNION MINIERE'S MOVE, THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION IS UNCHANGED SINCE YESTERDAY.

J. THE CONGOLESE, INCENSED OVER BRITISH ACTIONS, WERE YESTERDAY TALKING OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE UK, BUT GULLION FEELS HE HAS TALKED THEM OUT OF IT UNLESS THE BRITISH THEMSELVES BRING TSHOMBE TO ELISABETHVILLE.

K. THE ADOULA GOVERNMENT IS CASTING ABOUT FOR WAYS TO ESTABLISH ITS PRESENCE IN SOUTH KATANGA. IT HOPES TO SEND ABOUT TWENTY POLICE AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TODAY AS AN INITIAL CONTINGENT. IT WANTS ALSO TO SEND CONGOLESE ARMY TROOPS, BUT MOBUTU APPARENTLY WOULD BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON ONE GENDARMERIE COMPANY AS A FOOT IN THE DOOR.

6. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. TWO MORE US CASUALTIES (AND 29 SOUTH VIETNAMESE) WERE
SUFFERED EARLY THIS MORNING IN A VIET CONG ATTACK ON A SPECIAL
FORCES TRAINING CENTER IN WEST-CENTRAL SOUTH VIETNAM. 50X1

[REDACTED] A NUMBER OF RENEGADE VILLAGE DE- 50X1
FENDERS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN THE CAMP OPENED THE GATES TO
THE VIET CONG. THE VIET CONG BROKE OFF AFTER SOME FOUR HOURS
AS SOUTH VIETNAMESE REINFORCEMENTS NEARED THE SITE.

B. THE FIGHTING THAT LED TO THREE AMERICAN CASUALTIES
YESTERDAY 45 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SAIGON WAS CONTINUING THIS
MORNING. THE VIET CONG, WHO USUALLY FADE AWAY BEFORE SUPERIOR
FORCES, ARE SHOWING STIFF RESISTANCE. WHILE THIS MAY REFLECT
A CHANGE IN TACTICS, IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THEY FEAR THEY
ARE SURROUNDED OR ARE TRYING TO COVER THE ESCAPE OF SOMEONE
IMPORTANT.

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7. NOTES:

A. NORTH VIETNAM: THE SINO-SOVIET TUG-OF-WAR CONTINUES. A HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION HAS JUST LEFT AFTER A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF NORTH VIETNAM. IN ITS WAKE, THE CHINESE ARE SCHEDULING THEIR OWN.

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B. YUGOSLAVIA: IN OUR REVIEW OF TITO'S RECENT SPEECHES AS RELEASED IN ENGLISH, WE FIND THAT, WHILE INDICATING HE WILL BE EVEN LESS ATTENTIVE TO THE WEST, HE DOES STRESS COORDINATION WITH "OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES"--AN IMPLICATION HE STILL CONSIDERS YUGOSLAVIA TO BE AMONG THEM.

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D. CHINESE NATIONALISTS: THE NATIONALISTS HAVE PUBLICLY ADMITTED THAT THE COMMUNIST CLAIMS TO HAVE ROLLED UP 172 GUERRILLAS SENT TO THE MAINLAND BY TAIPEI IS CORRECT, BUT SAY MANY MORE ARE STILL IN OPERATION. WE THINK FEW, IF ANY, ARE STILL ACTIVE.

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F. USSR: THE SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING TO TEST THE AIR-
TO-SURFACE MISSILE [REDACTED] WHICH WE
THINK THEY INTEND TO HANG ON THE [REDACTED] SUPERSONIC-DASH
BOMBER. [REDACTED]

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